

Attachment 5

EXHIBIT LRP2013-00007:K: FINDINGS

Environmental Determination

- A. The Environmental Coordinator has approved a Categorical Exemption for this proposal (Section 15307, Class 7). The proposed Building and Construction Ordinance amendment constitutes an action to assure the maintenance, restoration or enhancement of a natural resource where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment.

Amendment

- B. The proposed amendment to the Building and Construction Ordinance will limit the extraction of groundwater and expand the application of low water-use requirements.
- C. The proposed amendment to the Building and Construction Ordinance will require new development in the Los Osos Groundwater Basin to retrofit enough existing residential and commercial buildings to offset twice the new water use.
- D. The proposed amendment is consistent with the Land Use Element and other adopted elements of the general plan because the proposed requirements are consistent with the general goals of the Land Use Element to avoid the use of public resources, services and facilities beyond their renewable capacities and to monitor new development to ensure that its resource demands will not exceed existing and planned capacities or service levels.
- E. The proposed amendments will protect the public health, safety and welfare of the area residents by reducing the water extractions from the groundwater basins and by requiring new development to offset twice their new use of water by retrofitting existing homes and businesses with low water consumption plumbing fixtures.